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REMARKS

Claims 5-27 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-4 have been canceled. Reconsideration of the pending Claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 3 and 4 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,594,242 to Kransmo (hereinafter referred to as Kransmo). Claim 2 was rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of Kransmo and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. US 006493552B1 to Hicks (hereinafter "Hicks"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections since all of the limitations described in new Claims 5-26 are not described by the cited prior art, either alone or in combination.

Specifically, none of the cited art describes a mobile terminal that includes a control unit that determines if the mobile terminal has changed location and in response to a change in location of the mobile terminal, is operable to determine if it is possible to register to a first mobile communication network, on the basis of a registration possibility indication receiveable from a second mobile communication network as described in new Claim 5. In addition, as further described in Claim 5, none of the cited prior art describes a control unit that is further operable to attempt to register to the first mobile communication network only when the voice communication is not presently in progress, and when the registration possibility indication indicates that it is possible to register to the first mobile communication network.

With regard to new Claim 14, none of the cited prior art describes a communication system that includes a management device coupled with a first mobile communication network and a second mobile communication network. Claim 14 also describes that the management device is operable to store location registration data correlated with a mobile terminal identifier for each of a plurality of mobile terminals. In addition, Claim 14 describes that the management device is operable to selectively update the location registration data in response to receipt from each of the mobile terminals of a notification of a current registration of a respective mobile terminal to at least one of the first mobile communication network or the second mobile communication network.

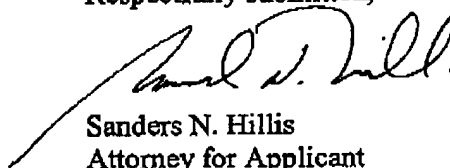
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With regard to new Claim 19, none of the cited prior art describes a location registration changing method that includes the steps of determining in a mobile terminal if the mobile terminal is currently engaged in a voice communication over a second mobile communication network, and determining in the mobile terminal if the mobile terminal has changed location. In addition, Claim 19 describes the step of determining in the mobile terminal, in response to a determined change in location of the mobile terminal, whether it is possible to register to a first mobile communication network on the basis of registration possibility information received from the second mobile communication network, and transmitting from the mobile terminal to the first mobile communication network, a notification including an identifier only when voice communication is determined to not presently be in progress, and when it is determined that it is possible to register to the first mobile communication network.

For at least the foregoing reasons, none of the cited prior art describes all the limitations of new Claims 5-27. With this amendment and response, Applicant believes that the present pending claims of this application are allowable and respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting allowance/examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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